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1. After reading over some rough notes made in the office after the 20 May 1957 meeting, the writer has the impression that the Norwegians may have queried the Austrians regarding the candidacy of an Austrian for the position of Secretary-General of the Socialist International. Knowing of [ ] friendship and respect for Oscar POLLACK and Otto PROBST, it is not unlikely that either could be proposed for the position with the solid backing of the Scandinavian bloc. The writer's notes show that ( ) stated that POLLACK was much too busy with his paper to consider taking on an additional job, in reply to a direct question by the writer. A follow-up question asking whether there were other candidates acceptable to the Norwegians (not specifically mentioning Austrians) brought the following reply from ( ) "They are in a good position now with elections over—PROBST could do a good job—well, we'll just await and see how things turn out. I'm not getting involved in it this time".

2. Despite the supposed disinterest on ( ) part, the writer has a strong feeling that Austria may provide the next S. I. Secretary-General. The writer also believes that ( ) has been engaging in some political maneuvers behind the scenes on this candidacy which he is unwilling to impart to any outside sources. [ ] throughout this portion of the discussion, conveyed the impression that [ ] was skating on thin ice, although [ ] did not, at any time, comment.

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1. An incomplete version of the agenda for the forthcoming 1-4 July 1957 Socialist International Congress in Vienna includes the following topics:

- a. Relations with the USSR
- b. National Communism
- c. Political Developments in Eastern Europe
- d. Socialist International Relations with the Satellites
- e. German Reunification
- f. Disarmament
- g. NATO Problems.

2. Norwegian Labor Party leaders attribute Morgan PHILLIPS decision to resign to several factors. The chief reason lies in the internal pressures created within the British Labor Party. A paper has been circulated in party circles by an (fmu) WILSON, charging that PHILLIPS has concentrated his efforts and time on Socialist International activities to the neglect of his office as Secretary General of the British Labor Party. 1 The present France-British differences originating at the Council meetings in Copenhagen and the loss of prestige which PHILLIPS suffered when the Scandinavian bloc forced through the election of Bjarnar BRAATØY in March 1956 are viewed as corollary factors which influenced PHILLIPS to seriously consider resigning.

3. Haakon LIE, General Secretary of the Norwegian Labor Party (DNA) will not attend the Congress in Vienna. LIE has confided to close associates that his attendance at the Congress might prove embarrassing and possibly cause further damage to the unity of the Socialist International at a critical time. LIE apparently believes that in helping to push through BRAATØY's election he made a mortal enemy of PHILLIPS and that PHILLIPS would subject LIE to personal attack from the floor of the Congress. The Norwegian national elections provide LIE with the necessary excuse to bypass this session of the Congress.

4. Finn MOE, chairman of the Norwegian parliament's foreign affairs committee, has been appointed by the DNA executive committee to head a two or three man Norwegian delegation to the Congress in Vienna. MOE has been instructed to exert pressure

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on other delegates in informal discussions and during the formal sessions for the adoption of closer ties with Poland and Yugoslavia, and to present or support a resolution holding member countries to NATO commitments at the present levels. The Norwegian delegation will not support any British-sponsored candidate for the position of Secretary General of the Socialist International. The Norwegians would, however, support the candidacy of an Austrian or other Scandinavian member.

5. DIA leaders have heard nothing which leads them to believe that the British Labor Party is taking any more than a normal interest in the affairs of the Socialist International. Any expected increase of interest would, it is believed, come from Beran's following where the Socialist International could be used as a sounding board for the testing of Beran's views and policies.

6. Internal problems in the French Socialist Party and the growing crisis in the government has drawn French interest away from the activities of the Socialist International. The Suez issue, which created the split between the British and French, has been widened by disagreement on minor issues. The Norwegians do not expect the French to take a prominent part in the Vienna Congress.

7 Field Comments: The (fmu) WILSON is possibly Harold WILSON, a member of the British Labor Party's executive committee for constituency parties. (Socialist International Year Book, 1956-57, page 232).

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